



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 17**

**Meeting Date: September 15, 2006**

**Meeting Location: Dubois County DCS**  
**611 Bartley**  
**Jasper, IN 47546**

**Council Members Present:** Susan Lesko, David Galloway, Lisa Bowles, Leslie Rowland, Georgann Gogel, Connie Branch, and Bonita Mattingly

**Council Members Absent:** Mary Alice Manley, Judge Weikert, Judge Arthur

**Others In Attendance:** Lana Tobin, Herbert Gordon, Rita Poirier, Katrina Brace, Kathy Kuss, Jara Dillingham

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**Meeting Called to Order at:** at 8:00 A.M. by Regional Manager Susan Lesko.  
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

1. Kathy Kuss and Katrina Brace gave a presentation of the Youth Services Bureau in Orange and Crawford Counties. This program is part of the Hoosier Hills Pact Youth Services and has been in existence since 2003. They employ 6 caseworkers and Kathy to run this program. They work with schools and probation providing model programs of Life Skills and prevention programs in the classrooms. They also offer 15 week cores in substance abuse to the middle schools as well as personal management skills. They offer a school suspension program in Orange County.
2. Jara Dillingham from the Villages presented information on the programs they provide to the Region. Our Region is served by the Evansville office and the Bloomington Office. Pamphlets were based out to describe their programs such as therapeutic foster care, transitional living, and SNAP services for pre and post adoptive placements.

3. Community Partners update was given. Ireland and Luzio are moving along and we hope to have services up and running in the next few months however, they are still working out issues of payment and sub-contracting. It was decided not to have a provider fair and that we would have a better picture of our Region with Ireland representatives talking to staff and people in the community.
4. Georgann Gogel provided the RSC with an update on our Community Forum. Toni Laskey will present 2 days of training on November 29<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. The forum will be held at the Habig Center in Jasper, IN. The dates have been confirmed and Georgann will be sending out Save the Date flyers so that each county can get the word out to the appropriate people in their county. She will be working with Stacy Lozer on the brochures and registration forms.
5. Perry County and Orange County made a request to use a portion of their Child Welfare dollars to fund the forum. The request was approved by the Council.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** October 20, 2006 at the Dubois County DCS office located at 611 Bartley in Jasper, IN. Meeting will start at 8:00 A.M. Dubois county time. Connie Branch will be chairing the meeting in the absence of the Regional Manager.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:50A.M.